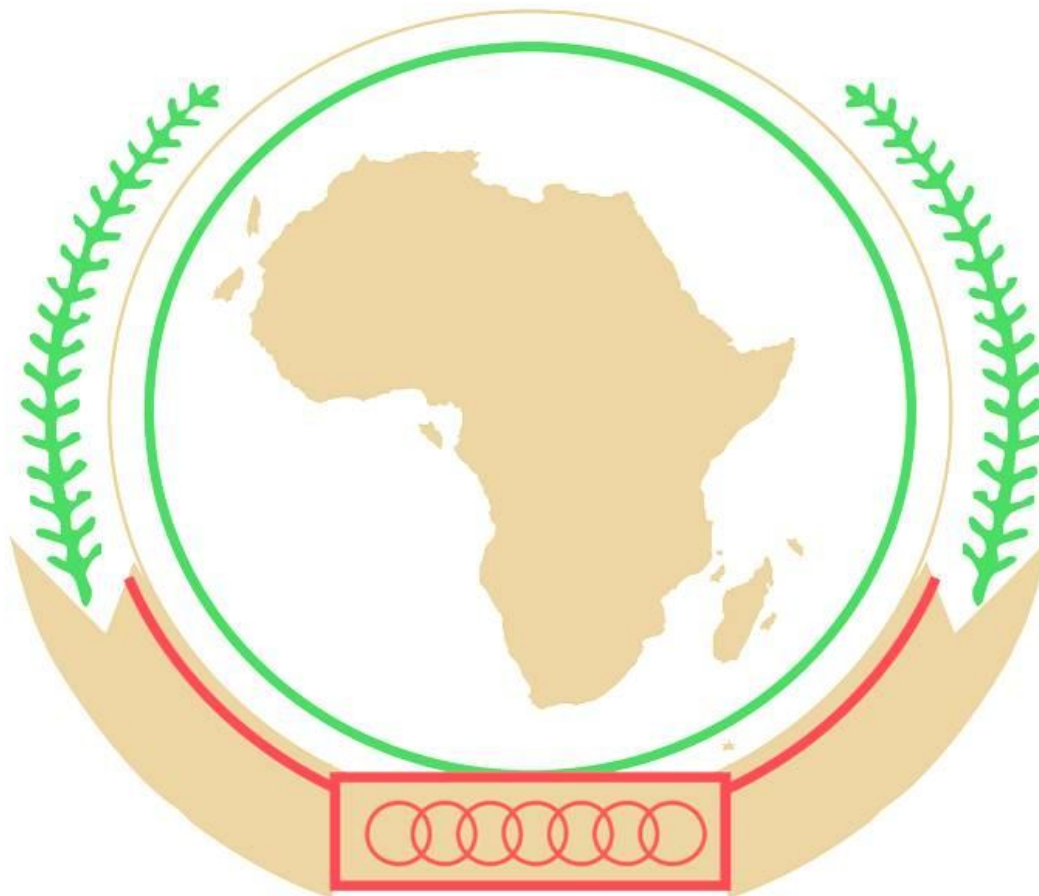


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The Executive Council,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Commission on the Humanitarian situation in Africa;
2. **ALSO TAKES NOTE** of the urgency, magnitude and complexity of the problems Member States are confronted with and the impact those problems have had on the socio-economies of the countries concerned;
3. **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the Member States which continue to grant asylum and extend assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons despite the meagre resources available to them;
4. **COMMENDS** the initiatives taken so far by all stakeholders, including Member States, the Commission and other relevant African Union (AU) Organs, and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) as well as the Partners in their efforts to continue to follow up on the implementation of the outcomes and the Plan of Action of the AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons held in Kampala, Uganda on 19 October 2009;
5. **REQUESTS** Member States, the Commission and other relevant AU Organs, in collaboration with the RECs and Partners to continue to implement the outcomes and the Plan of Action of the AU Special Summit on Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons with a view to finding ways and means of speeding up the implementation;
6. **APPEALS** to those Member States which have not yet done so to consider as a matter of priority signing and ratifying or acceding to the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa (Kampala Convention) for its speedy entry into force;
7. **REITERATES ITS APPEAL** to the International Community, in the spirit of burden-sharing to extend to countries faced with forced displacement problems increased support to assist them in shouldering their heavy responsibilities as well as to cope with the socio-economic and environmental consequences arising from it;
8. **CONGRATULATES** the United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary, the 60th anniversary of the 1951 UN Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 50th anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness;

9. **REQUESTS** the Commission to undertake a detailed situational analysis in Member States and RECs on existing mechanisms and Policy Frameworks on Humanitarian action with a view to facilitating coordination of efforts in this matter;
10. **ALSO REQUESTS** the Commission to report to Council in January 2012.



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